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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.607(c), it is noted that claims 7-10 and 12-14 presented above correspond to Claims 1 and 6-9 in U.S. Patent No. 5,614,620 to Liao et al. Other claims previously of record, particularly Claim 2 and Claims 7-14 in the parent application, are substantially the same as those submitted in Liao. Claims 2 and 7-14 were of record in the present case prior to or within one year of the issuance of the Liao patent. It is noted that the parent application was filed within three months subsequent to the filing of the Liao patent and, accordingly, falls within the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.608(a).

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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